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No 148 Read the following letter from Captain L. CONWAY-GORDON, R E.,
Controller of Public Works Accounts, to Lieutenant-Colonel J MULLINS,
R E, Officiating Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Fort St.
George, 4th August 1875, No 60 W —

OBSERVING from the Deposit Accounts that the practice exists in Madras as elsewhere of lending Government tools to native petty contractors for the execution of Government works, and knowing from experience the tendency there is under these circumstances for the Government tools to be worn away at a speed only to be explained by the theory that new tools belonging to Government are surreptitiously exchanged for old ones belonging to the work-people, I thought it advisable to inquire generally whether all the Government tools and plant are properly marked

2 I accordingly asked all the Range Officers, 1st, whether all their tools and plant were marked with any distinguishing Government mark, and, 2ndly, whether the tools were further marked in any way to show the particular fund from which they were originally purchased.

3 I now enclose an abstract of all the replies at present received From this you will observe that although the tools in many ranges are marked with the broad arrow, the practice is far from universal, and that in but few ranges is the Government furniture branded or otherwise marked

4 I think perhaps it would be advisable to introduce throughout the Presidency a uniform system of marking all departmental property, and for this purpose the broad arrow seems to me peculiarly unsuitable, not only from its being in use by other Government Departments and therefore losing its significance as a Department Public Works mark, but also from the fact that being a mark composed of a few short right lines, easily punched by any straight cutting tool, it is perhaps the easiest mark possible for a native to imitate

5 No distinction appears as yet kept up between the tools purchased by the different funds But whether any such distinction is either necessary or advisable is a question which I trust before long to have an opportunity of referring through you to the Government for decision.

No 149 ORDER THEREON, 8th September 1875, No 2,557

ESTABLISHMENT, No 11

THE Controller will be referred, with reference to the first part of his letter, to G O, No 52, of the 9th January 1875.

2 It is desirable that all tools should be marked in such a manner as to be capable of identification, and the letters D. P W, with the year, should be marked upon all tools and plant before bringing them into use. The General Superintendent, Public Works Stores, will mark all tools issued from the stores, and those purchased or made up by Range Officers should be marked locally. Tools sold to contractors should be remarked "S," with the year

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3 A further report on the subject of the last paragraph of the Controller's letter will be awaited.

(True Extract)

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Major-General, R E,

Secretary to Government

To all Superintending and District Engineers
T, the Controller of Public Works Accounts

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No 740 W

From THE CONTROLLER,
PUBLIC WORKS ACCOUNTS

To

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Fort Saint George, 4 August 1875.

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I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most Obedt Servant

Controller of W & A

f. o. 9 Jan'y/75 Nos 102-125

P. W. 1895 Seph.

Thos. No: 5092

The Controller of
P. W. Accounts

To
The Chief Engineer

P. W. (Department

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From

THE CONTROLLER,

P. W. ACCOUNTS,

To

THE OFFICER IN CHARGE OF

RANGE.

Fort St. George, 12th July 1875

SIR,

I should be much obliged by your informing me whether the broad arrow

or any other distinguishing mark is placed upon all Tools and Plant, Furniture,

and other articles of Government property under your charge, and also whether

any further mark is placed upon the different articles to show the particular

fund, Imperial ordinary, Imperial extraordinary, or Provincial, from which the

articles were bought

2. The favor of a reply as early as possible would be esteemed.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

L CONWAY-GORDON,

Controller, P. W. Accounts.

Regarding the practice
of lending Government
tools to Native Petty
Contractors, and offer-
ing certain suggestions
for securing them
from being exchanged
by a uniform sys-
tem of marking.

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12th Aug.

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Specimens from Camp. Office to Controller of Post Office of Public Works Section. The
 General of 1873. July 1873.

any mark to
 distinguish the
 products from
 one firm from
 those produced
 from another

Structure

Site and Locat

Manufactured
 substance

Designing
 substance

None

None marked with
 "Q R 1873 Limit"

ly. Pick are
 marked with these
 arms

None marked with
 "Q R 1873"

None marked with
 "Q R 1873" and
 some not marked

None

Not marked

Mostly marked
 with a "Q R 1873"

Mostly marked with
 "Q R 1873"

None

Not marked

None marked
 (not stated here)

None marked
 (not stated here)

None

Not marked

None marked with a "Q R 1873"

* largest as
 distinguishing mark

None

Not marked

None marked with
 a "Q R 1873"

* largest as
 distinguishing mark

None

Mostly marked
 with "Q R 1873"

None

No mark of any kind

Mostly marked with "Q R 1873"

None

Not marked

None marked
 with "Q R 1873"

None

No distinguishing mark. Except

marks name in some of
 the articles (from England)

None

No distinguishing mark in any article

None marked with
 "Q R 1873"

None

No distinguishing mark

Also marked "Q R 1873" and
 some marked "Q R 1873"

None

Marked "Q. R. W." Not marked

None are marked with "Q R 1873"

None

All furniture etc. marked with "Q R 1873" and
 some marked with the "Q R 1873"

None

None always marked
 with the "Q R 1873"

Almost all marked with "Q R 1873"

None

Not marked

Also marked
 "Q R 1873" and "Q R 1873"

Also marked with "Q R 1873"

None

Not marked

None marked with "Q R 1873"

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Public Works Dept.

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The Controller of
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G.O. 8 September/75
in B. N. 148

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J. H. P.

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8 Sept 1873

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London and
Plant to Native City

traders. Passing Orders
in letter from the City of
P. & W. Co. offering certain
suggestions for carrying out
London and Plant from being
traded by a uniform
system of marketing